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Box			ticle 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; porting such statement	
1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-12, 14-21	YES
		Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)		Claims		YES
		Claims	1-12, 14-21	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-12, 14-21	YES
		Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are cited in the international search report.

- Document 1: JP 2002-56160 A (Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd.), 20 February 2002, entire text, all drawings & EP 1160705 A2 & US 2002/007304 A1
- Document 2: JP 2003-44607 A (Nippon Telegraph And Telephone Corp.), 14 February 2003, abstract (Family: none)
- Document 3: JP 2000-259728 A (NTT Facilities, Inc.), 22 September 2000, abstract (Family: none)
- Document 4: JP 2002-509405 A (Ericsson Inc.), 26 March 2002, abstract & WO 99/31908 A1 & EP 1038408 A1 & US 6163693 A

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18 and 21

Document 1 discloses a system for assisting the marketing operations of a maker or the like by collecting the usage record data (i.e., the usage period, the usage mode and the like) from network-adapted devices that are used by a registered user via a communication line and then creating a market trend research report.

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Meanwhile, document 2 discloses a configuration wherein various services are received by means of an IC card on which personal information has been stored.

Such being the case, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of combining the inventions disclosed in documents 1 and 2, and thus claims 1 to 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18 and 21 do not involve an inventive step.

Claim 4

Document 3 discloses a configuration wherein devices are identified by means of Global Unique Identifiers. Such being the case, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of employing the technical feature disclosed in document 3 in the invention disclosed in document 1, and thus claim 4 does not involve an inventive step.

Claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19 and 20

Document 4 discloses a feature whereby the wireless communication device connects with a warranty registration center and registers the warranty when first used, whereafter the wireless communication device proceeds with normal operations. Such being the case, it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of employing the technical feature disclosed in document 4 in the invention disclosed in document 1, and thus claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19 and 20 do not involve an inventive step.